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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ASEC CGEC

SUBJECT: SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS WITH OTHER AGENCIES

REF: BELIZE 0215

1. POST SENT REFTEL TO DEPARTMENT AND INS WASHINGTON CONCERNING SUSPECTED OPERATION IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FORGING ALIEN REGISTRATION CARDS (I-151) AND THE SALE OF SUCH CARDS IN BELIZE. REFTEL WAS CLASSIFIED CONFIDENTIAL TO PROTECT INFORMANT AND TO PREVENT RING FROM BEING TIPPED OFF. INS SENT RETURN CABLE UNCLASSIFIED DIRECTLY FROM WESTERN REGIONAL OFFICE, SAN PEDRO, CALIFORNIA.

2. ALTHOUGH THE CABLE DID NOT MENTION THE NAME OF INFORMANT, IT DID REVEAL THAT WE KNEW OF FORGERY RING OPERATING IN BELIZE AND THAT A BELIZEAN INFORMANT WAS PROVIDING THE INFORMATION. ALL UNCLASSIFIED CABLES GO THROUGH THE LOCAL CABLE AND WIRELESS OFFICE. BELIZE CITY IS A CLOSELY-KNIT TOWN OF 40,000 WHERE EVERYONE EITHER WANTS A U. S. VISA OR HAS A CLOSE RELATIVE WHO WANTS A VISA. GOSSIP HERE TRAVELS FASTER THAN THE SPEED OF SOUND. POST IS CONCERNED THAT SENDING THIS CABLE UNCLASSIFIED MAY HAVE COMPROMISED THE INFORMANT AND REDUCED OUR EFFECTIVENESS IN OBTAINING FURTHER INFORMATION. ALSO, WHEN TEXT OF INS CABLE REACHES THE BACK ALLEYS OF BELIZE IT WILL HAVE THE EFFECT OF LETTING THE OPERATORS OF

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THIS RACKET KNOW HOW DIFFICULT IT IS FOR THE U. S. GOVERNMENT TO PUT A STOP TO THEIR OPERATIONS. NO DOUBT THEY WILL FIND THIS NEWS ENCOURAGING. IF DEPARTMENT CONSIDERS IT WARRANTED, POST SUGGESTS DEPARTMENT DISCUSS WITH INS OUR CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM AND STEPS THAT MIGHT BE TAKEN TO PREVENT SUCH INCIDENTS.

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